



Monte Monopoly was a camp wide game played at two Pow-Wows. All of the "properties" had Scouting and Mic-O-Say names. The huge playing surface was designed to look exactly like a "real" Monopoly board.

This scene is from the Pow-Wow in 2001.



Beading instruction at the 2002 Conclave



Beautiful photo of the Tapping Ceremony in the summer of 2003  
Below: Chief Little Pack Rock presenting awards at the 2004 Conclave





Father and son at the 2004 Conclave. Medicine Man Ho Ke Ya Pe talks to his son, a new Brave in the Tribe. The son is now Sachem Ho Ke Ya Pe. How time flies.

Below: Firebuilders stoke the fire at the Saturday night dance competition during the 2004 Pow-Wow.





Above: Basketball competition during the 2005 Conclave at Lafayette High School.  
Below: Evening meal during the 2005 Pow-Wow.



# 2006: The summer of transition

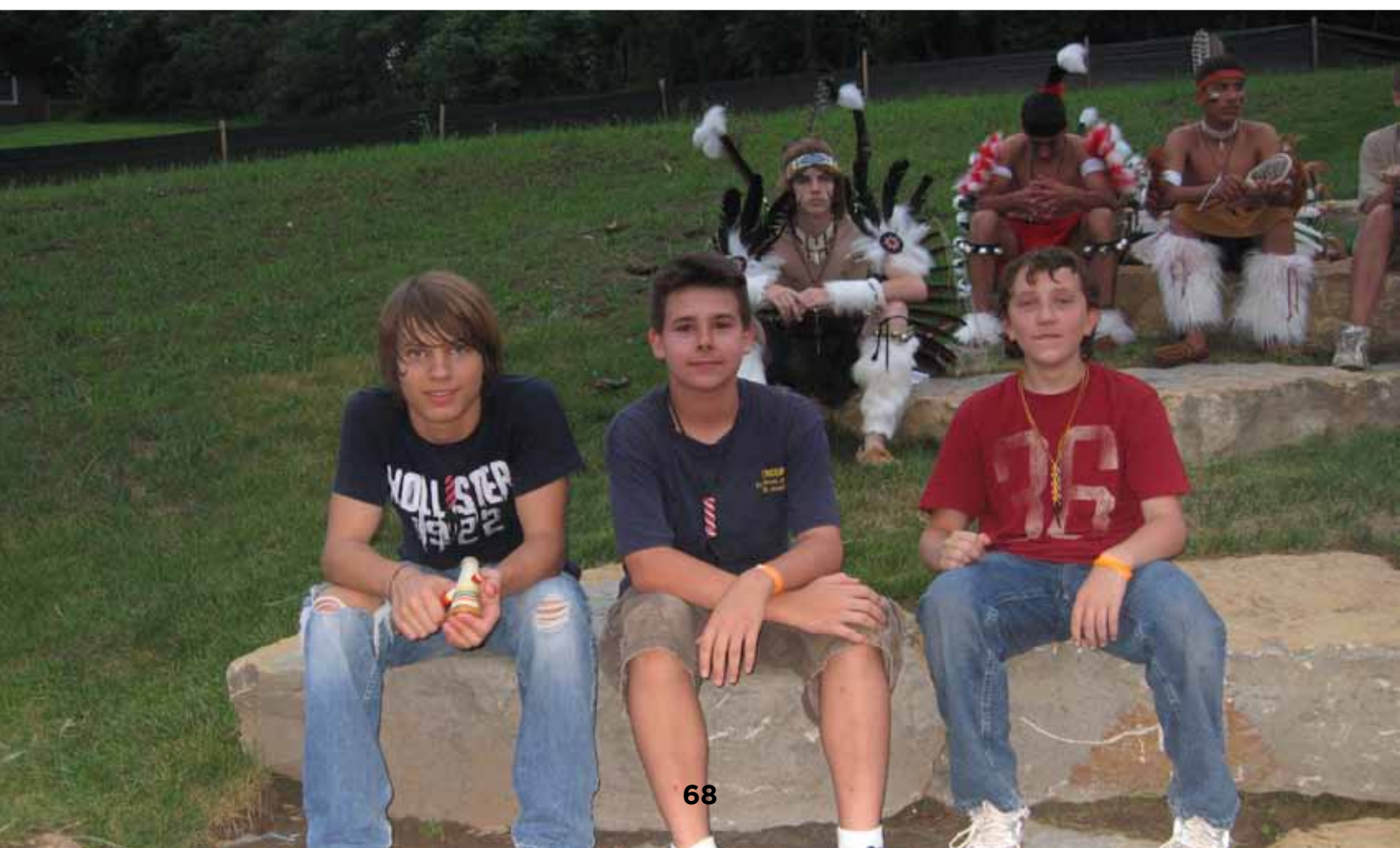
In the summer of 2006, Roger Thom hung up his bonnet and retired as Ceremonial Chief. Ken Baker was elevated to Chieftain and assumed the role of Ceremonial Chief and the Council of Chieftains promoted Ed Stroud to Directing Medicine Man





Roger Thom just before ceremonies, 4th session of 2006. Roger Thom served as Directing Medicine Man of the Tribe for 30 years and Ceremonial Chief for almost 20 thereafter. Swimming Rock Lodge is named in his honor.

Below: New Braves at the Pow-Wow of 2008 in the new Running Horse Council Ring.





Above left and right: Activities at the 2009 Conclave held at Lafayette High School.



Left. Scene from the 2010 Conclave at Benedictine College

Below: Auto smashing event at the 2013 Pow-Wow





## Top Mic-O-Say officials over the years

The individuals pictured above have served in the role of Directing Medicine Man over the years. The first pictured is Wayne Taylor, Chief Medicine Man Fears No Wind. (The DMM position was originally called Chief Medicine Man). To his right, Roger Thom, Chieftain Swimming Rock, who was the Directing Medicine Man for 30 years and held the position longer than anyone else. Ken Baker, Chieftain Pack Rock who held the DMM position for the second longest tenure at 20 years, and the current DMM, Medicine Man Walks Tall, Ed Stroud.

To the right is Alan Franks, Chief Hunting Hawk, the current Scout Executive of the Pony Express Council and the Chief of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.



# And that brings us to ... now



For 100 years, the Pony Express Council has offered the Scouting program to generations of boys. And our council has been among the top councils in the nation for the number of Eagle Scouts it has produced.

Pictured above are the attendees at the annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner held in February of 2016 to honor the 2015 class.

This year's class was named for Mike Gerhardt, Medicine Man Ajita, pictured above standing before his class and next to Alan Franks, Chief Hunting Hawk, the current Scout Executive of the Pony Express Council.

# The original *Make Talk* Magazine staff



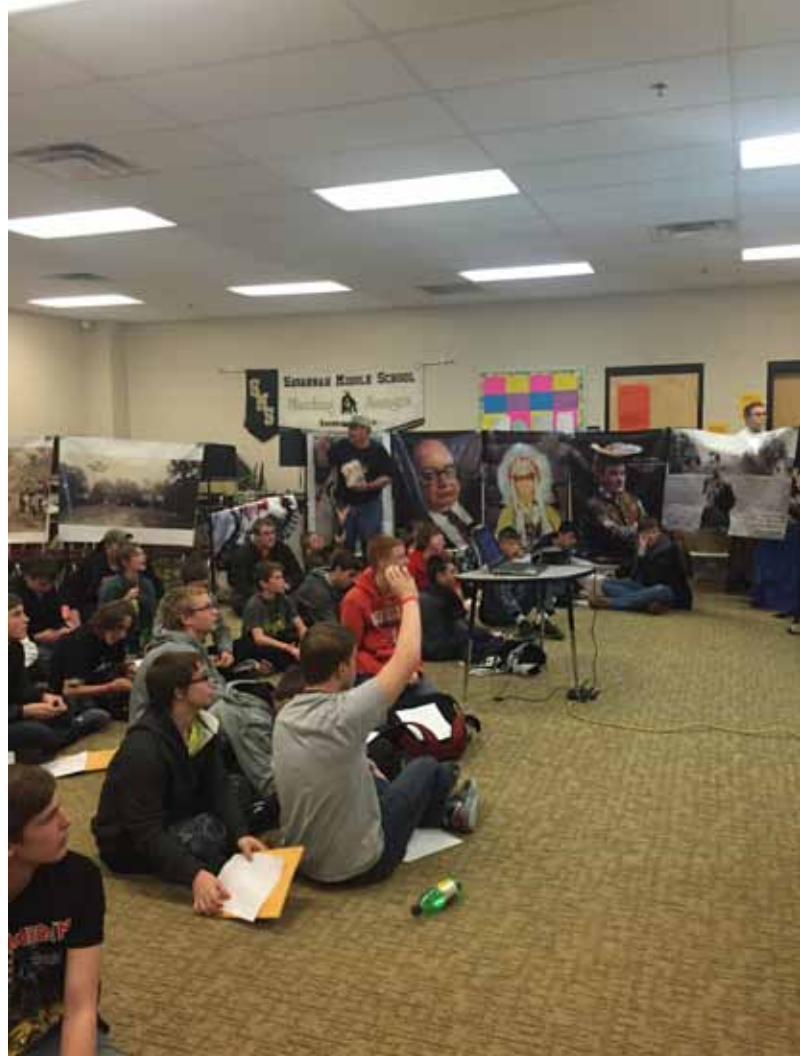
*It is impossible to even begin to encapsulate 100 years of a program as rich and expansive as Scouting in just a few pages. On the preceding pages, we have presented just a sampling of the events of Scouting over the past 100 years in our council. While this issue marks the largest single issue of Make Talk magazine, it has barely scratched the surface of the history of Scouting in the Pony Express Council.*

*Every troop has its stories. Every individual Scout has his unique experiences. The Boy Scouts of America is the tie that binds. It is the organization to which we have all belonged and as a result of its presence in our lives, all of us have treasured memories.*



# 2016 Conclave held at Savannah Middle School





Tribesmen learning the history of Mic-O-Say. A session on Tribal History has become a regular feature of almost all conclaves.

## Competition winners at Conclave 2016

### **BRAVES TRADITIONAL COSTUME**

1. Benjamin Hadle – Little Watches the River T6
2. Brenden Hemenway – Least Wheel Winder T100
3. Nathan Van Cleave – Striking Otter T483
4. Matthew Hall – Prairie Grass Trail T169

### **BRAVES FANCY COSTUME**

1. Richard Burgess – Least Tames The Wild Hare T21
2. Justin Henderson – Fights With Rock T21
3. Flint Thomas – Smaller Silver White Wolf T216
4. Jackson Todd – Little Guards the Lodge T6

### **WARRIORS TRADITIONAL COSTUME**

1. Ross Lohman – Jumps With Fire T360
2. Maverick Price – Least Dark Mustang T131
3. Dillion Breneman – Little Northern Owl T460
4. Dakota Auffert – Little Chisholm Trail T131

### **WARRIORS FANCY COSTUME**

1. Aiden Perry – Smaller Tall Rabbit T21
2. Nick Thate – Smallest Spotted Gray Bass T714
3. Lance Brungardt – Little Winter Planter of Seeds T714
4. Mike Schroder – Rock Ridge T169



Costume building sessions have become more elaborate over the years with many more participants.

### **FB/TTB TRADITIONAL COSTUME**

1. Andrew Gerhardt – TTB Least Ho Ke Ya Pe T235
2. Sebastian Perry – FB Small Tall Rabbit T21
3. Justin Holmes-Smith – TTB Makes Knife T122
4. Ethan Lawson – TTB Quick Running Deer T390

### **FB/TTB FANCY COSTUME**

1. Connor Martin – FB Lone Strike T47
2. Devon Shewell – FB Little Medicine Tribe T216
3. Chad Kral – FB Little Village Blade T451
4. Steven Sherlock – FB Fire in Horn T215

### **R/KSB TRADITIONAL COSTUME**

1. Zach Gannon – KSB Hunts Venison T100
2. Ryan Hanway – R Little Dry Fields T13
3. Aaron Babel – R Lone Falcon T496

### **R/KSB FANCY COSTUME**

1. Dayton Zirkle – KSB Little Hunts Buffalo T216
2. Jordan Miller – KSB Least Swift Hunter T45
3. Justin Davies – R Heavy Hawk T216
4. Spencer Rosenak – R Little Distant Vision T216

### **BRAVES TRADITIONAL DANCE**

1. Brendan Hemenway – Least Wheel Winder T100
2. Justin Henderson – Fights With Rock T21
3. Flint Thomas – Smaller Silver White Wolf T216
4. Lance Sellner – Smaller Screaming War Eagle T483

### **BRAVES FANCY DANCE**

1. Richard Burgess – Least Tames The Wild Hare T21
2. Flint Thomas – Smaller Silver White Wolf T216
3. Jax Jansen – Least Lightning Bay T45
4. Alex Tyson – Stands By Fire T451



Above: Jeff Janssen, Sachem Lightning Bay, instructs young Tribesmen in the skills of making leggings. Right: Tom-Tom Beaters showing their skills.

### WARRIORS TRADITIONAL DANCE

1. Mike Schroder – Rock Ridge T169
2. Maverick Price – Least Dark Mustang T131
3. Dakota Auffert – Little Chisholm Trail T131

### WARRIORS FANCY DANCE

1. Aiden Perry – Smaller Tall Rabbit T21
2. Nick Thate – Smallest Spotted Gray Bass T714
3. Mike Schroder – Rock Ridge T169
4. Lance Brungardt – Little Winter Planter of Seeds T714

### FB/TTB TRADITIONAL DANCE

1. Sebastian Perry – FB Small Tall Rabbit T21
2. Justin Holmes-Smith – TTB Makes Knife T122
3. Andrew Gerhardt – TTB Least Ho Ke Ya Pe T235
4. Harlan Johnson – TTB Little Signal Flight T82

### FB/TTB FANCY DANCE

1. Connor Martin – FB Lone Strike T47
2. Andrew Gerhardt – TTB Least Ho Ke Ya Pe T235
3. Sebastian Perry – FB Small Tall Rabbit T21
4. Devon Shewell – FB Little Medicine Tribe T216

### R/KSB TRADITIONAL DANCE

1. Ryan Hanway – R Little Dry Fields T13
2. Dawson Mohr – R Least Trades Wheat T360
3. Ryan Soldanel – R Sees The Rain T66
4. Kaleb DiCiaccio – R Little Three Lakes T451

### R/KSB FANCY DANCE

1. Jordan Miller – KSB Least Swift Hunter T45
2. Spencer Rosenak – R Little Distant Vision T216
3. Dawson Mohr – R Least Trades Wheat T360
4. Dayton Zirkle – KSB Little Hunts Buffalo T216



Above: Dance competition.  
Below: Beading plan begins with a concept

### OPEN TRADITIONAL DANCE

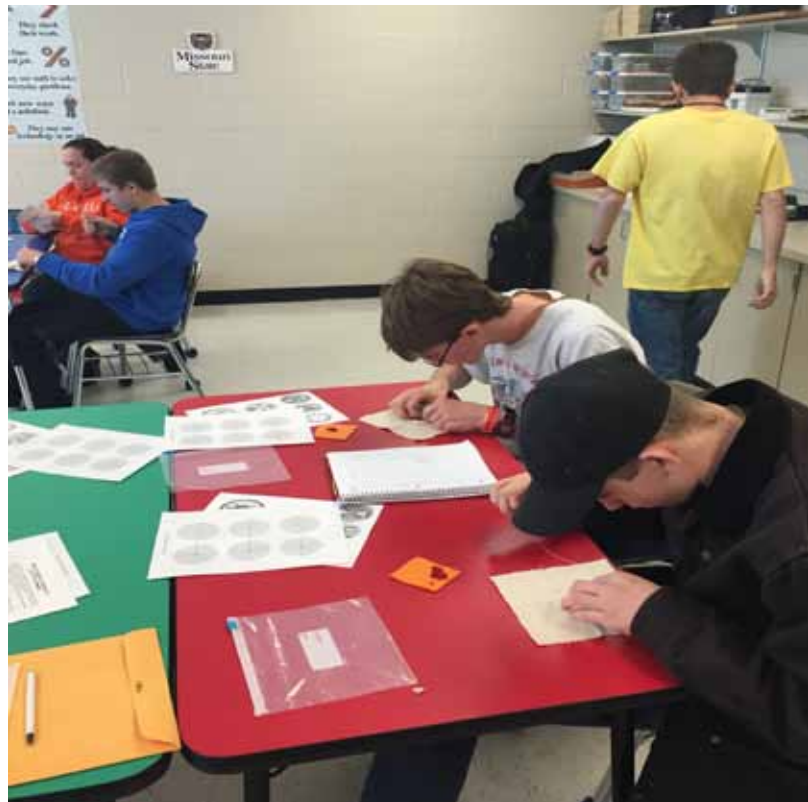
1. Sebastian Perry – FB Small Tall Rabbit T21
2. Ryan Hanway – R Little Dry Fields T13
3. Mike Schroder – Rock Ridge T169
4. Connor Martin- FB Lone Strike T47

### OPEN STRAIGHT DANCE

1. Dawson Mohr – R Least Trades Wheat T360
2. Aiden Perry – Smaller Tall Rabbit T21
3. Ryan Hanway – R Little Dry Fields T13
4. Flint Thomas – Smaller Silver White Wolf T216

### OPEN FANCY DANCE

1. Dawson Mohr – R Least Trades Wheat T360
2. Jordan Miller – KSB Least Swift Hunter T45
3. Mike Schroder – Rock Ridge T169
4. Sebastian Perry – FB Small Tall Rabbit T21



In the time since the Boy Scouts of America's founding in 1910 and the celebration of the Pony Express Council's 100th birthday, companies and organizations have come and gone. They have names like Pan Am Airlines, Borders and K-B Toys, and they rest in America's graveyard of things once popular but since vanished.

But the Boy Scouts are still here. They're here, and they're more needed in our society than ever.

Today, in honor of the Council's 100th Anniversary, *Make Talk Magazine* wishes to share a very well written essay from a long time Scouter named Ray Capp. The essay – "Is Scouting still relevant?" – stems from a week's worth of questions Capp heard about Scouting as he traveled to Texas for some BSA meetings. Capp takes a hard-hitting, inspiring look at the state of Scouting in 2016 and beyond. I urge you to read and enjoy.

We think you will find the time it takes to read this editorial time well spent .



## *Is Scouting still relevant?*

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT FOUR CONVERSATIONS I HAVE HAD IN THE PAST WEEK.

1. My niece had brought her boyfriend over to the house for a visit and they were noticing some of my Scouting memorabilia. He is a terrific guy, a very purposeful, intelligent, and personable young mechanical engineer with a bright future. He turned to me and said that he has always regretted not being a Scout and concluded, "I guess it's too late for me"!
2. The next morning, I was leaving for a BSA meeting in Dallas. At the airport, I bumped into one of the young men who had been in my troop years ago. We had a great little Scoutmaster/Eagle Scout reunion, but as we scurried off to our gates, he turned sheepishly to tell me that his wife didn't want their kids to be Scouts, (even though she knows it was great for him)-citing the whole gay controversy.
3. On the plane, the man next to me asked where I was going. I explained about the BSA headquarters in Dallas, my destination. "Wow, guess there aren't many old ladies who need help across the street anymore, eh? Is Scouting still relevant?"
4. And the coup de grace: Two days later, I was flying back home from that BSA meeting and was reading some BSA literature on the plane. The lady next to me saw the fleur-de-lis on the paperwork and said, "Oh, my brother was a Boy Scout. He loved it." And after a long pause that I could tell pained her, she squeezed out, " Um, are there STILL Boy Scouts"?

Some pretty hard hits...and all in one week.

While these kinds of comments are not uncommon they certainly are not well-founded. We who know how active, vibrant, and relevant the Scouting program remains certainly have a lot of work to do to express who we are, what we do, and the benefits that happen for young families who participate.

Here are some thoughts I expressed to these good people concerning the topics they raised:

### FIRST: IS IT "TOO LATE" FOR OUR 25 YEAR OLD ENGINEER TO BE INVOLVED?

Absolutely not. He can spend the next 50 years as a Scout leader, merit badge counselor, or in any one of a hundred different helpful roles. I showed him all the "new" merit badges, photos of our high adventure programs, cool activities, and explained that my best friends were all people I had met and respect through Scouting. It is a real, warm, welcoming, and vibrant community which accepts everyone. I don't care if you are the chairman of Exxon Mobil, the former Secretary of Defense, or the newest Cub Scout den leader. When any caring adult dons that BSA uniform, everyone is equal, equally respected, and equally welcome. It is the happiest group of adults you are ever likely to have embrace you.

### SECOND: THE WHOLE "GAY THING"

Last year, the executive board of the Scouts gave up on its notion of knowing God's will better than did America's religious denominations. Today, so long as an adult leader passes the required background check, is trained for their position, and keeps current on its youth protection certifications, the local church, temple, mosque, or fire station which sponsors the troop selects the troop leader. Period. If a church accepts gay members or marriages, it tends to allow gay adults to lead kids, consistent with the youth protection guidelines of the Scouts (which are best-in-class by all who study them). If the house of worship down the road does not embrace gay congregants, it may choose not to certify gay adults to lead or teach its kids. C'est la vie. Everyone wins. Pick the troop best for you and your kids and commence to having a ball.

### NEXT: THE MATTER OF RELEVANCE

"Oh, yes, very relevant, I retorted!" We live in an age of crisis in American boyhood. Girls are much more likely to be graduated from high school AND go to college. Boys have much higher rates of substance abuse, delinquency, and violence. Boys have more difficulty with school and in school. And in this age of pervasive divorce, it is boys who most often are the ones growing up without a parental model of their own sex in the home.

Read back through this list of hurdles for the American boy and realize that Scouting is a big step toward addressing each and every one of these ailments.

### PERSISTENCE:

When a boy becomes a Cub Scout he might be six seven or eight years old. He gets swept up in the activities and fun and starts to identify what he wants to explore and do. Many set their sights on being like the older adolescents they meet in Scouting and take on the goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. If a 9 year old persists in this journey, he may arrive at Scouting's highest rank just about when he turns 18- a time elapsed of twice his lifetime-since he first determined that this goal would be of value. He will have had 9 school years, multiple coaches and teachers, all kind of teenage angst, and yet will make it through to the brink of adulthood, with the same troop, same kids, same mentors, and same program. Nothing else in our society embraces and motivates a boy and encourages the exact thing so many boys sorely lack: Focus.

### GETTING ALONG IN SOCIETY

Boy Scouts live to go camping. And the time-tested methodology adopted for cooking and eating in the Boy Scout Troop is called the "patrol method". Basically, the week before the campout, the eight kids in the Raccoon patrol sit with one another and plan a menu they are excited to enjoy. (The American Congress could learn a lot from imitating a group of 11-15 year old Boy Scouts negotiating what to eat!). Then, someone has to buy the stuff within the agreed budget, someone has to arrange to get it to the site, carry it in, keep it from varmints, collect firewood, cook it, serve it fairly, and yes, clean up to the satisfaction of the Scoutmaster! Oh, and doing

all this when it is 38 degrees, dark, and raining can be the quintessential demonstration of teamwork on the planet. And yet it happens every weekend in every corner of America in every patrol...and very happily. As Yoda would marvel: "a miracle it is!"

## BROADENING OF ONE'S WORLD VIEW

Kids have over 135 merit badges to explore. In the past 105 years, many a career was discovered by matching a boy's starry-eyed interests with the tutelage of a quality adult expert. The world knows that Steven Spielberg made his first movie for photography merit badge. In our troop, caring men stood around the same fire and told stories while baking a turkey in a garbage can. The doctors and lawyers joined the stone masons and electricians in hearty laughs and stories while the boys checked out the progress of the turkey. Guess what? The boys had never heard of such a thing, but showed up with their own garbage can turkey for the next campout. (It was good, too!) I do not know of a Boy Scout who hasn't met and spent quality time with good adults of a different race, religion, occupation, and socio-economic status. I am 62 years old now, and I still know of no greater equalizer than the "campout" for building bridges across whatever divide you might mention that exists in society in general. Someone has to scrub the dirty pans for the next meal and your turn is coming!

## LEARNING TO ACCEPT WOMEN AS EQUALS

It may surprise you that there are many quality women who are adult Scout leaders. Historically, they have planned the fund-raisers, organized the ceremonies, kept the records, managed the transportation/logistics, and kept their boys inching forward on their advancement through the ranks. Today, they share all of those roles with men, but they do more! Increasingly women strap on hiking boots, sling on a backpack, and go with the troop, themselves. A few years ago, we had about 65 people in our troop who wanted to travel to the Sangre de Cristo range of the southern Rockies to backpack in Scouting's paradise: Philmont Scout Ranch. We split up in groups of 10 boys with 2 adults each. But we needed two more adults to spread ourselves and still be sure we had two trained adults with each group of boys. Enter the heroines of the story: My wife, a retired teacher and another troop mom, a

school nurse. One night, I overheard The boys assigned to these leaders talking as adolescent boys are apt to do. "Man, we are going to be slowed down by THEM"! Gee, we are going to have to carry some of their weight for THEM!" Man, all the other boys are going to make fun of us because of THEM". I told them wait and see! Ha! Within two days of hitting the trail, the teacher and the nurse had earned heaping amounts of street cred with this ragtag bunch of boys and were backpacking better, longer, and stronger than even the most robust jock kids in the crew. No boy who has ever gone backpacking with a group of scout trained adult women ever thinks of THEM in the same ways again.

## QUALITY MALE ROLE MODELS

As for the men, with so many boys growing up in single parent homes, Scouting may be the one place where a young man gets to have quality time in the care of interested and interesting men. Our society values the sports coach. Coaches can change lives, and they do. But they have only a season or two with a boy. They have a few weeks with a boy each year. Every Scoutmaster has multiple years, every week to integrate in the life of a family and slowly eke out the lessons and values he is entrusted to develop in his Scouts. A Scoutmaster will spend YEARS mentoring a boy by the time that young man becomes an Eagle Scout. I have taught a number of young men to shave, because, hey, their Moms asked me to do just that. Scouting forms a real, active and collaborative relationship with a family in the development and growth of their sons.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP

In Scouting, the adults are there to maintain health and safety. That's it. The kids pick the activities, plan the program, develop the calendar, and carry out the events. This includes large scale gatherings alternatively known as camporees, jamborees, or conclaves. I have been to quite large encampments involving several hundred boys. And yet, one boy with adult help, planned the menu, another organized the medical corps under the careful watch of a skilled physician while other boys planned a campfire or show. Still others executed the program of activity, recruited the cooks, publicized the event, sold tickets, facilitated parking, offered merchandise for sale, set a budget, counted the money, welcomed

the guests, established a registration station, and surveyed the attendees to improve on the experience for the next group of boys to carry out. I know of nowhere else that a teenage boy would be given such leeway to develop and grow, and yes, even to fail, while learning and growing as with the Boy Scouts of America

### AND FINALLY: ARE THERE EVEN STILL BOY SCOUTS IN 2016?

Yes, Virginia, there are still Boy Scouts, who since 1910 are and have been quietly serving others. Part of what each Boy Scout raises his hand to promise is that he will help others...and to strive to do so consistently as a habit of cheerful service. We do not encourage showboating. We quietly do our good deeds in the background.

I can tell you that in every town and neighborhood in this great country, Scouts are a dynamic en-

gine for picking up litter, building handicap ramps, putting roofs on churches, perfecting wildlife habitats, carving trails for foresters, and yes, helping old ladies. While most of those don't need help getting across streets anymore, the Scouts sure help by reading to them, singing for them, and teaching them how to communicate with their great grandchildren through social media.

Yep, we are still here, more important than we were to a successful society than your Grandfather's Boy Scouts, 4.5 million and growing, doing good work with and through today's generation of tomorrow's leaders.

Oh, and remember, it is not too late to join the largest movement of uniformed youth in the world, and make a difference, yourself!

*Written for Scout Week, 2016*

# Tapper Chronicles

By Brandon Keller  
KSB LITTLE STRONG MUSTANG

The crackle of the Tapping Fire, the booming echo of the drum and the deafening yell of the Tapper as he descends down Cardiac Hill. There is no atmosphere more exhilarating than a Thursday Night Tapping Ceremony at Camp Geiger. For some, it is the start of a journey that will lead to new challenges to conquer as the Tapper lays the tomahawk upon their chest bringing the next generation of leaders into the Inner Circle of Mic-O-Say.

Six young men a year are honored with the duty to return to the same Tapping Circle they were once selected, to bring the next generation of young leaders into our Inner Circle. Decorated in face paint, and clinging the torch and sacred tomahawk, they peer into the valley below; take a deep breath, and descend upon the Tapping Circle.

These six young men are true leaders, not only in our Tribe and Scouting, but also in their communities, churches, and schools. While we all share in the excitement to honor these outstanding Tribesmen, this article will formally introduce our Tappers from 2015, and share their recollections from their special night.

## First Session - Gabe Miller

*KSB Small Swift Hunter*

*Troop 219 - Amazonia, Mo.*

*-5 Years on Staff*

*-Purple Dance Coup*

*-Military Coup, Lone Bear Council*

Although tapping can be a blur, sometimes Mother Nature decides to make the night a little more memorable. Gabe's tapping was accompanied by an incoming thunderstorm that pushed the rest

of the ceremonies for the evening inside. "All of the lightning and the storming was awesome!! I don't think it could have been any cooler!" When asked if there was one memory that stood out above the others, Miller said, "A really cool thing I remember was that there was lightning that struck both times the tomahawk tapped the chest of one kid."

## Second Session - Carter Stolberg

*KSB Merimac Trail*

*Troop 189 - Mission, Kan.*

*-5 Years on Staff*

*-Lone Bear Council*

The night that Carter tapped was another memorable evening, as we had to wait for the Tapper to show up to be announced. When he arrived, he was surprised to hear his name called for this honor. "When I joined the Tribe, I never would have thought that I would be chosen to be the Tapper." When asked about his experience with the Mic-O-Say program, Stolberg said, "It is an organization that has shaped me into who I am today. Being a part of the Mic-O-Say program is one of my proudest achievements." Carter looks forward to watch the kids he tapped advance in the summers to come.

## Third Session - Andrew Schneider

*KSB Medicine Devil*

*Troop 216 - Saint Joseph, Mo.*

*-5 Years on Staff*

*-Silver Coup*

Serving in the position as Tapper is also a humbling experience for many who have earned the honor over the years, just as it was for Andrew Schneider the night he tapped. "When I was chosen as Tapper, it was exhilarating. The thought that I was going to have the privilege to make such an impact on so many young Scouts was humbling." When asked what advice Schneider had for the young men he tapped, he shared the following, "Have fun with the program, make new friends, and see how the 4HR can make a difference in your daily lives."

## Fourth Session - Brett Maupin

*KSB Little Spirit Village*

*Troop 360 - Kearney, Mo.*

*-5 Years on Staff*

*-Head Runner*

There seems to be extra excitement surrounding a Head Runner tapping. This was no different when Brett was selected as the Tapper Fourth Session. It is even more exciting when you can make a connection with the boys around the circle the night you tap. "I had the opportunity to tap my own troop, so that was neat." Maupin offered some advice not only to the boys that he brought into the Tribe, but also to all Tribesmen. "Continue to stay active and work towards the Eagle Scout Rank. Bring friends into Scouting. Try to reach out and make new friends in Scouting." Maupin says he has met some of his best friends at Camp Geiger and through the Mic-O-Say program.

## Fifth Session - Sam Adam

*KSB Piercing Eye*

*Troop 448 - Omaha, Neb.*

*-4 Years on Staff*

*-Red Dance Coup*

*-Silver Coup*

*-Newman Scholarship Recipient*

A Tapper has many favorite parts about his experience; some such as Sam have trouble choosing just one. Sam was quickly able to identify a memory that still stands out to him today. "I remember watching a Scout from my troop, and as soon as the tomahawk tapped his chest for the first time he put a big grin on his face." When I asked Adam what Mic-O-Say means to him, he said, "Mic-O-Say has been one of the greatest organizations I've been a part of, and following its values truly does make you a greater man."

## Sixth Session - Robert Caya

*Runner Fire Strike*

*Troop 66 - Leavenworth, Kan.*

*-3 Years on Staff*

*-Head Runner*

It is not often that you experience two Head Runners serving as Tapper during the same summer. The close to the 2015 camping season brought us just that. When asked what it was like to be the Head Runner of the boys he tapped, Rob said, "My favorite part was getting to run the Scouts I tapped. I was able to be involved in the entire process of becoming Tribesmen for them." Caya offers the following advice to the young men he tapped: "Stay in Scouts and Mic-O-Say; there isn't much out there that gives you the same sense of accomplishment and brotherhood."

If there is one thing to take away from talking to the young men that were honored with the title of Tapper this past summer, it is how grateful they were for the opportunity to bring in the next generation of Tribesmen. We all look forward to this coming summer, when we can once again gather in around the Tapping fire to bring more young men into our Inner Circle.



# Pow-Wow Recap

A fancy dancer performs in dance competition at the 2016 Pow-Wow.

By Chris Holtman  
**KSB SPEAKS WITH THUNDER  
TROOP 74**

**A**s the leaves change, the weather gets colder, and Fall points towards a nearing winter it's nice to think back to warmer times on the Geiger Reservation. Times like the 2015 Pow Wow where old friends and new braves alike shared in the friendship, and the fun that comes with being a Tribesman in Mic-O-Say, and with an incredible (# couldn't find in recap) tribesmen in attendance this year, there was plenty of fun to go around.

Traditions were modified this year with costume competitions beginning on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at the evening Pow-Wow to kick things off, followed by a night under the stars and the anticipation of a great day. On August 1<sup>st</sup> Tribesmen woke to the call "Come one, come all" and the day of Mic-O-Say's Carnival themed Pow-Wow began. The morning started off a huge success for the 93 braves in attendance as they took the Trail of the Brave again, followed by Brave's block. Brave Coyote Mountain, Trent Shell of Troop

74, shares his excitement in saying, "My favorite part so far has been brave's block and learning the Warrior's Dance." This exclusive dance practice is a newly revived tradition spearheaded by Chieftain Short Fire in which the new braves meet with and are taught our tribal dance by some of the wisest and skilled dancers of Mic-O-Say, the Chieftains themselves. Their introduction to the Tribe was also marked by another fantastic Trader's Midway and plenty of activities to keep everyone busy all day long.



Young Tribesmen displaying their new Mic-O-Passes. The Mic-O-Pass allows Tribesman to attend the three annual Mic-O-Say events for a discounted price.

Tribesmen gathered at the Running Horse Council Ring at 2:00 that afternoon to begin those activities with the official opening of the 2015 Pow-Wow Carnival and were met with a wide array of challenges and games to spend their day playing. From bean bag toss, to ring toss, and even skee-ball, Tribesmen of all ages played and spent their day laughing, cheering, and eating delicious carnival popcorn. Two events in particular shared the spotlight for the day, one

of which was the obstacle course. A little friendly competition between Tribesmen is always fun and a race through a giant inflatable course full of twists and turns ups the ante for a great time. The other hit event challenged the physical skill of our Tribesmen as they attempted, and in many cases succeeded, in dunking the summer's tappers in the Tapper Dunk Tank. The Carnival theme proved itself to be a huge success and all Tribesmen went to dinner

pleased from a long day of great games, but eager for the rest of the night's Pow-Wow activities which began, as always, with a Pow-Wow!

As always, some Tribesmen showed their passion as they competed in various dances to win ribbons and prestige while other moseyed around the fire simply enjoying the company of their fellow Tribesmen. Likewise, many ribbons were presented for the previous night's costume competition winners. Some notable win-



Above: Recently advanced Firebuilders. being cool for the camera. Below: Chieftain Least Red Clock amongst his young charges.



ners include: Brave Striking Otter, Nathan Van Cleave of Troop 483 who won both the Brave's Traditional Costume and the Brave's Traditional Dance, and Brave Smaller Silver White Wolf, Flint Thomas of Troop 216 who claimed first prize in the Brave's Fancy Costume and Fancy Dance. The open Traditional dance winner this year was Runner Least Trades Wheat, Dawson Mohr of Troop 360 and the open Fancy dance winner, Runner Little Distant Vision, Spencer Rosenak of Troop 216. In addition to the individual awards, the Tom-Tom Beater competition was held again this year, with the Robidoux dance team claiming first place and finishing a great Pow-Wow.

There's nothing quite like rounding out a great camping season with a fantastic

Right: Evening Pow-Wow fire ready to go.  
Below: Tom-Tom Beaters enthusiastically performing the Tribal chants.

Pow-Wow, and the 2015 Carnival Games Pow-Wow did just that. Bringing together so many Tribesmen on the same day only happens a few times a year, and with most of this year behind us it's about time for another of those rare days. With winter Conclave just around the corner, I can hardly wait to see old friends again and share the day with even more exciting activities. With that in mind, see you soon Tribesmen!



# Looking Back



*A brief reprise of  
Scouting and Mic-O-Say  
as they were*

## 1916

On February 16, the St. Joseph Council was officially organized. At this time there were only three Scout troops functioning in St. Joseph. Roe Bartle was fifteen years of age, spending his summers in Illinois with his grandparents.

In St. Joseph, eleven year-old Simon Rositzky counted the days till his twelfth birthday, when he could join the Scouting Movement.

## 1926

There were 40 troops in the St. Joseph Council, with 741 Scouts. Camp Brinton hosted 305 boys that summer and was listed as a Grade A camp, the highest designation given by the National Boy Scout Council, one of only sixteen camps in the United States so classified.

Newspaper accounts state that a local photographer, William F. Uhlman, Jr., made moving pictures of Camp Brinton during this season.

## 1936

*Adolph Hitler opened the Winter Olympics in Germany, and by March 7, his Nazi troopers had invaded the Rhineland.*

Volunteer workers began building an addition to the new dining hall which would double the capacity of the building and make it possible to accommodate 120 boys. The enlarged building would measure 20 x 80 feet, with an exterior surface of native stone taken from the camp grounds. In one end a large fireplace was being constructed.

There were also six Adirondack buildings made of native stone, each about eight by ten feet. Seven tent villages would be erected. By the end of the summer, 691 boys had attended Camp Geiger. On November 3, President Roosevelt was elected to a second term as President.

## 1946

*On March 5, Winston Churchill delivered his "Iron Curtain" speech at Fulton, Missouri.*

A news account noted among camp improvements, the camp road was doubled in width to two car-widths.

Lester Miller reported that new facilities for handicraft work have been installed, and that workers were remodeling the dining hall by making the windows larger and laying a concrete floor. A vegetable garden was in full growth at the camp.

There would be ten camping weeks in 1946, with an average of 100 boys per week. With the war over, Lester Miller managed to secure double-deck bunk beds from Army surplus. They were used for the first time this summer, replacing the canvas folding cots, but some would remain for forty years.

Many of the early pioneers of Boy Scouting in the area were beginning to disappear and on Tuesday December 10, the 81-year-old Dr. Charles Geiger died of a heart attack at his home. Funeral services for the man who gave our camp a name and a history were held on December 12. Fifty representative members of the various Boy Scout groups of St. Joseph attended the services and accompanied the procession to the burial place at Robinson, Kansas.

## 1956

On February 8, the Boy Scouts of America was 46 years old and had 4,175,134 boys and adults listed as members.

Construction of Goetz Lodge at Camp Geiger was begun early in 1956. According to one of the builders, "The logs were cut with a broad axe, right there on the site." Due to a schedule conflict, the building was dedicated on September 30, a week later than had been planned. The plaque affixed to the 2000 pound boulder in front of the lodge still proclaims the intended date of September 23.

H. Roe Bartle, only recently retired from professional Scouting, was awarded the Silver Beaver this year. Roger Thom, then Keeper Of The Sacred Bundle Swimming Rock, was elevated to Sachem.

*On September 9, Elvis Presley made his debut on the Ed Sullivan show, televised only from the waist up.*

## 1966

Thanks were offered to Bill Barker for the first issue of the Tribal Newsletter.

The 1966 Tribal Feast was held on May 7, where Dennis Sample, Firebuilder Smooth Stone, received the first Silver Coup ever awarded.

One of the improvements to camp was the new Arapahoe campsite located in the north acreage, with wooden platforms and two-man tents. With two campsites now in the new area, Camp Geiger was beginning to move northward.

*On June 2, the satellite Surveyor I landed safely on the moon and sent back pictures showing a rubble-strewn, but smooth surface.*

On Tuesday June 21, the White Coup of Service was officially recognized by the Tribal Council at their meeting. It was to be a single, white, cylindrical coup presented to adult Tribesmen for outstanding service in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

On Wednesday July 27, what was officially known as the Monte Beasley Pavilion in the corral area was dedicated. During the fifth session, Roger Miller was inducted as Brave Found Light, and would eventually serve as Chieftain in 2015.

## 1976

Steve Stock was the 1976 Camp Director, with a staff of 48. The camping season was reduced to only five sessions and would not see another sixth session for ten years, until 1986.

Finley Fiske, having served as Scout Executive, and Chief of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, since 1958 - an eighteen year tenure that has since been unheard-of, was preparing for retirement. Among his many contributions to Mic-O-Say, he introduced the Blood Brother ceremony. Several generations of Tribesmen had known no other Chief than Swift Spear. During his tenure, the Pony Express Council had become one of the highest-ranked in the United States in summer camp attendance and number of Eagle Scouts.

Mark Hampton was the Tapper second session. The son of Clark Hampton, Chieftain Laughing Water, who himself had served as one of the earliest Tappers, Mark's selection for the honored position marked the first father/son Tappers in tribal history.

*On July 4, the nation celebrated its 200th birthday.*

On Friday evening of the fourth session, after the new KSB were elevated, DMM Swimming Rock walked to where Bill McMurray, KSB Red Breasted Woodpecker, sat in the dirt. "Would you like to rise and join me at the fire, Keeper?" asked the DMM. "Well I most certainly would!" boomed McMurray. The crowd erupted with applause, as McMurray was named a Sachem. Bill became heavily involved on nearly every level in the council and would eventually become a Chieftain.

During the fifth session, Parvin Bishop was named Honorary Warrior Running Horse, and would

shortly become the new Scout Executive and Chief, replacing Finley Fiske.

The chairman of the Pow Wow, Marvin Atkins, reported a record attendance of 628 tribesmen at the event, no doubt bolstered by those wanting to see a new Chief elevated, something most had never seen before. The ceremony itself was said to be witnessed by more than 800 tribesmen.

*On November 2, Jimmy Carter was elected President*

## 1986

*On January 28, the space shuttle Challenger exploded over a crowd of onlookers at Cape Canaveral. The entire crew, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe, died in the tragic accident.*

At the Tribal Council Spring Meeting, Bill McMurray was introduced as the Council Dance Director, a new position.

*On April 30, the Soviet Union acknowledged that a major accident occurred four days previous at the nuclear generating plant in Chernobyl in the Ukraine.*

First Session saw Darrell Jones elevated to Sachem Short Fire and Lon Edwards, Sachem Little Willing Talker, elevated to Medicine Man. Dick Boehner, KSB Sees The Sun would become a Sachem during the sixth session. Both Jones and Boehner would later become Chieftains.

## 1996

Notable advancements to Medicine Man this year include Rick Lee (River Mist), Mike Gerhardt (Ajita) and Rick Gerhardt (Hokeyape’).

*The F.B.I. arrests Ted Kaczynski, known as the Unabomber, on April 3. The Best Picture Academy Award goes to Braveheart.*

Bob Schilling (Circles The Tribe) became Chieftain this year.

## 2006

Darrell Jones became a Medicine Man during the second session and would years later become a Chieftain.

*Saddam Hussein is convicted of crimes against humanity by an Iraqi court on November 5 and hanged in Baghdad.*

*The International Astronomical Union votes to redefine the solar system and Pluto loses its status as a planet. It is reclassified as a dwarf planet.*

Ed Stroud became Directing Medicine Man Walks Tall during the sixth session.

# Upcoming events

## Staff Training

April 15-17 at Camp Geiger

## Hammerhead Day

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Camp Geiger

Bring your hammer (or other tools)!

## Warriors' Council, White Coup and Tribal Council Meetings

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Camp Geiger

## Tribal Feast

June 4<sup>th</sup>

Camp Geiger

[www.micosay.org](http://www.micosay.org) for registration information

## Cub Resident Camp

June 10-12

Camp Geiger

[www.ponyexpressbsa.org](http://www.ponyexpressbsa.org) for registration information

## Summer Camp Begins

June 12, first day of Session 1

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